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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 1210

Petition CP 96-1 Requesting a Child-Resistance Standard for Multi-Purpose Lighters

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Petition for rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Judy L. Carr has petitioned the Commission to begin a rulemaking proceeding to amend the Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters, 16 CFR part 1210, so it would apply to a "multi-purpose" lighter. The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition from all interested parties.

DATES: Comments on the petition should be received in the Office of the Secretary by July 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the petition should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda Maryland 20814. Comments should be captioned "Petition CP 96-1 for Child-Resistant Multi-Purpose Lighters." Copies of the petition are available by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rockelle S. Hammond, Docket Control Specialist, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504-0800 ext. 1232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has docketed correspondence from Judy L. Carr as a petition for rulemaking under the Consumer Product Safety Act ("CPSA"). Ms. Carr asks that the Commission begin a rulemaking proceeding to amend the Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters, 16 C.F.R. § 1210, so that the standard

would apply to a particular "multi-purpose" lighter.

This type of product is commonly purchased for lighting charcoal or gas grills and fireplaces. The particular product referred to by the petitioner is a butane-fueled lighter with a handle, a trigger for actuating the lighting mechanism and fuel flow, and a long nose from which the flame extends. The device has a "safety" that can be manually moved to the "off" position to block actuation of the trigger. If the Commission grants the petition, the rulemaking would develop a generic description of the product to be regulated, in order to cover similar products made by others. For the purposes of this notice, the product category will be referred to as "multi-purpose lighters."

The cigarette lighter safety standard requires that lighters subject to the standard have child-resistant features to prevent operation by most children under age 5. The child-resistant mechanism must reset itself automatically after each operation of the lighter's ignition mechanism. 16 CFR 1210.3(b)(1). However, multi-purpose lighters are currently excluded from the cigarette lighter regulation. See 16 CFR 1210.2(c).

The petition sets forth facts in the form of petitioner's personal knowledge of an incident involving her children. Petitioner asserts that her children started a fire while playing with the lighter, resulting in burns to a 4-year-old girl on over 60% of her body. The petition also contains information concerning other incidents where young children started fires using a multi-purpose lighter. That information was obtained by the petitioner through discovery in litigation with the product's manufacturer.

The Commission solicits comments on the issues raised by the petition. The Commission is particularly interested in comments on the following topics:

1. The types and numbers of multi-purpose lighters currently sold to consumers;
2. The manufacturers and distributors of the product;
3. The number of persons injured or killed in fires started by children under the age of 5 years using multi-purpose lighters;
4. The circumstances under which these injuries and deaths occur,

including the ages of the children who started the fires, the ages of the victims, the locations from which the children obtained the lighters, and physical descriptions of the products involved (including identification of the manufacturers and models, if available);

5. Ways in which the products could be modified to be child resistant;

6. Characteristics of the product that could or should not be used to define which products might be subject to the requested rule;

7. Other information on the potential costs and benefits of the requested rule; and

8. Steps that have been taken by industry or others to reduce the risk of injuries from the product.

Comments on the petition should be received in the Commission's Office of the Secretary by July 8, 1996. Comments should be captioned "Petition CP 96-1 for Child-Resistant Multi-Purpose Lighters."

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the petition by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800. A copy of the petition is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Public Reading Room, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda Maryland 20814.

Dated: April 29, 1996.

Sayde E. Dunn,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Parts 1 and 301

[IA-41-93]

RIN 1545-AS04

Automatic Extension of Time for Filing Individual Income Tax Returns; Hearing Cancellation

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Cancellation of notice of public hearing on proposed regulations.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of cancellation of a public

hearing on proposed regulations that reflect the new procedures for obtaining an automatic extension of time to file an individual income tax return.

DATES: The public hearing originally scheduled for May 8, 1996, beginning at 10:00 a.m. is cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Slaughter of the Regulations Unit, Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate), (202) 622-7180 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject of the public hearing is proposed regulations under sections 6081 and 6651 of the Internal Revenue Code. A notice of proposed rulemaking by cross reference to temporary regulations and notice of public hearing appearing in the Federal Register for Thursday, January 4, 1996 (61 FR 338), announced that a public hearing on the proposed regulations would be held on Wednesday, May 8, 1996, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the IRS Auditorium, 7400 Corridor, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, D.C.

The public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 1996, is cancelled.

Cynthia E. Grigsby,

Chief, Regulations Unit, Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA 095-0008b; FRL-5464-3]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) which concerns the control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions, oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), and oxides of sulfur (SO_x) from flare and thermal oxidizers.

The intended effect of proposing approval of this rule is to regulate emissions of VOC, NO_x, and SO_x in accordance with the goals of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). In the Final Rules Section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving the state's SIP revision as a

direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by June 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to: Daniel A. Meer, Rulemaking Section (A-5-3), Air and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rule and EPA's evaluation report of the rule are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rule are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, 26 Castilian Drive, B-23, Goleta, CA 93117

California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Vineyard, Rulemaking Section (A-5-3), Air and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1197.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Rule 359, Flare and Thermal Oxidizers, submitted to EPA on July 13, 1994 by the California Air Resources Board. For further information, please see the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules Section of this Federal Register.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: April 18, 1996.

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 52

[IL-18-7-7024b; FRL-5436-2]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan; Illinois

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On October 21, 1993, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) submitted to the USEPA volatile organic compound (VOC) rules that were intended to satisfy part of the requirements of section 182(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act (Act) amendments of 1990. Specifically, these rules provide control requirements for certain major sources not covered by a Control Technique Guideline (CTG) document. These non-CTG VOC rules apply to sources in the East St. Louis ozone nonattainment area which emit (at maximum capacity) 100 tons of VOC per year. These rules therefore provide an environmental benefit due to the imposition of control requirements on sources emitting greater than 100 tons of VOC per year that belong to certain source categories. The USEPA proposes to approve these VOC rules for major non-CTG sources. This action lists the State implementation plan revision that USEPA is proposing to approve and provides an opportunity for public comment. A rationale for approving this request is presented in the final rules section of this Federal Register, where USEPA is approving the revision request as a direct final rule without prior proposal because USEPA views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If USEPA receives adverse comments the direct final rule will be withdrawn. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time. The final rule on this proposed action will address all comments received.

DATES: Comments on this document must be received by June 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulatory Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Comments should be strictly limited to the subject matter of this proposal.

Copies of the State submittal and USEPA's analysis of it are available for inspection at: Regulation Development